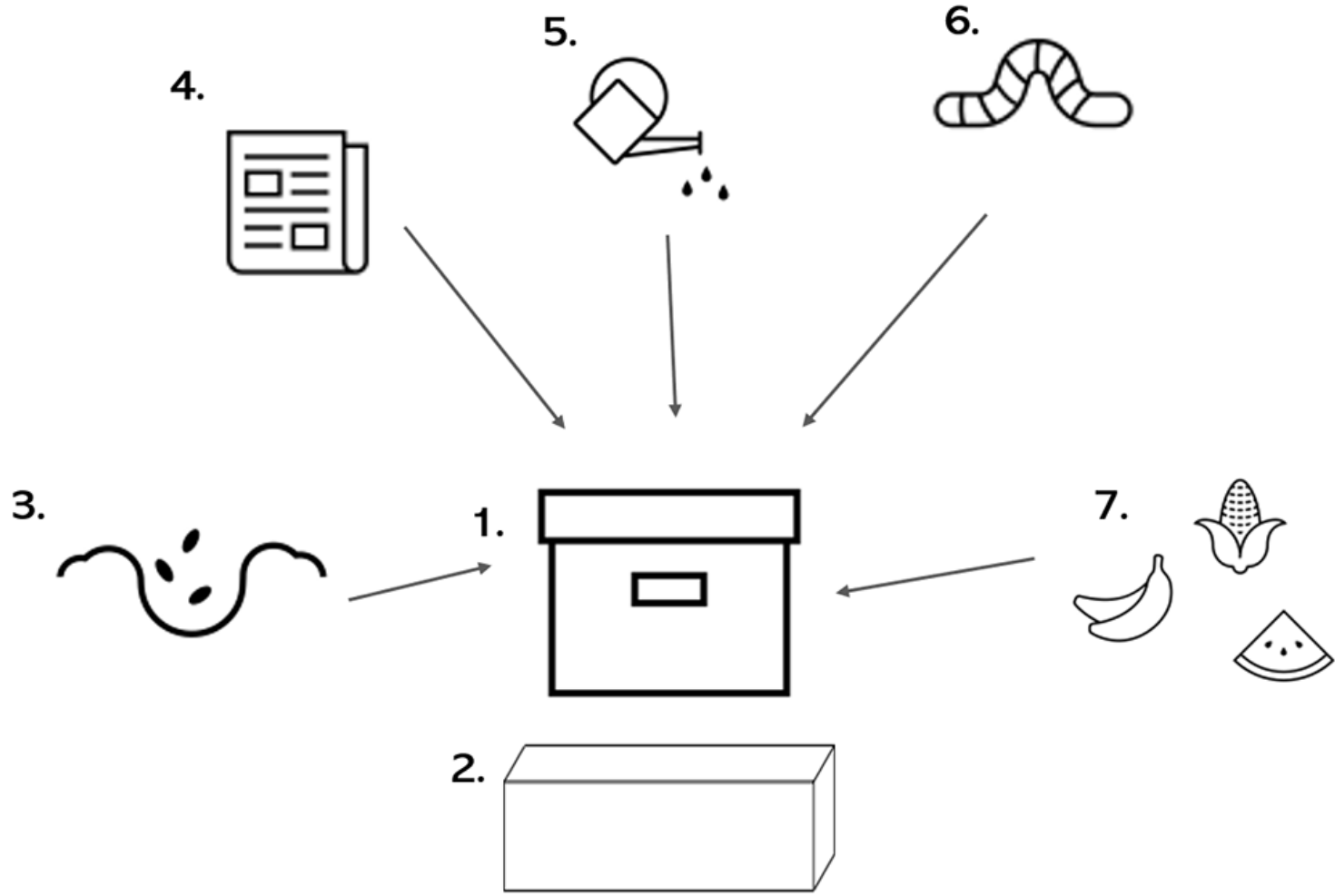


Building a Vermicompost Bin



Everything You Will Need

1. A larger bin with a lid will hold your worms and compost. Be sure to drill or puncture holes on the sides and bottom for air and drainage.
2. A shallow bin or tray without a lid will be at the bottom to catch anything that leaks out to prevent messes. You can use any extra liquid or “worm tea” for you plants also!
3. Shredded paper or cardboard will help prevent your compost from getting too wet. Stay away from using heavy, shiny, or colored paper.
4. Dirt or soil that can fill your container a few inches for the worms to move around in.
5. Water... worms need moisture! Be sure your Soil and paper mixture are moist enough with warm water, but not too much that it starts to make puddles.
6. Worms. You can purchase red wigglers or (a special type of earthworm) from local distributors or the US Department of Agriculture extension offices. Give the worms a day or two to get accustomed to their new environment.
7. Lastly, is your food scraps. Be sure to bury scraps from items like fruits, vegetables, and even coffee grounds. They need to be well-covered with the dirt so they do not attract other unwanted pests. Avoid acidic fruits and meats-these are not good for the worms.

Resources

- [How to Create and Maintain an Indoor Worm Composting Bin](https://www.epa.gov/recycle/how-create-and-maintain-indoor-worm-composting-bin)
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- [Worm Composting Basics for Beginners](https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/worm-composting-basics-for-beginners/)
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- [The Basics of Vermicomposting](https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/the-basics-of-vermicomposting.html)
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- [The Basics of Vermicomposting: Composting with Worms \(PDF\)](https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/docs/lawnandgarden/Vermicomposting.pdf)
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